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SUBJECT: JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE IN ABOVE CASE

1. ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY BREAKSTONE (CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CA.) URGENTLY REQUIRES TESTIMONY OF ATTORNEY W.S. WALKER, GEORGETOWN, GRAND CAYMAN, (TEL. 92444). TESTIMONY WOULD CONCERN WHETHER OR NOT WALKER FILED INCORPORATION PAPERS FOR A CERTAIN FIRM ON A CERTAIN DATE.

2. WALKER DECLINES TO TESTIFY ON GROUND THAT TO DO SO WOULD BE BREACH OF PROFESSIONAL ETHICS. WALKER STATES THAT THIS OPINION SHARED BY QUEEN'S COUNSEL, KINGSTON, JAMAICA (NAME UNKNOWN).

3. JUSTICE ADVISES THAT THIS CASE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO GOVERNMENT AND THAT WALKER'S TESTIMONY VITAL. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO SOUND OUT QUEEN'S COUNSEL ON ETHICS QUESTION, AND IF ABLE TO CHANGE Q.C.'S MIND, TO APPROACH WALKER WITH A VIEW TO SECURING LATTER'S TESTIMONY. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS CONGEN MCCARTY FAMILIAR WITH CASE.

4. JUSTICE ADVISES THAT MCCARTY MAY HAVE TO TRAVEL TO GRAND CAYMAN TO SPEAK WITH WALKER. IF SO, AND PROVIDED EMBASSY CONCURS AND CAN SPARE MCCARTY, CHARGE TRAVEL UNCLASSIFIED

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EXPENSES AGAINST DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE APPROPRIATION 6B131231.

5. PLEASE ADVISE DEPARTMENT OF ACTION TAKEN. INGERSOLL

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